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trine generally, but merely upon public offices and officers *de facto*, with such attention to *de facto* public corporations as is necessary in dealing with the office *de facto*. Although it bears the sub-title of "Extraordinary Legal Remedies," its treatment of that subject is confined to a brief discussion of the remedies employed in testing the rights and title of the officer *de facto*. Out of this rather narrow subject, by means of extensive statements of, and quotations from, the cases, aided by the use of a rather small page liberally spaced, a considerable volume has been produced.

The author is a Canadian judge, who, while he purports to write for any jurisdiction using the English common law, finds his material almost wholly in the United States. This he explains by the fact that the question has been but little developed in Canada and England, while it has been a prolific subject of litigation in the United States for a hundred years. The author's investigation of the American cases seems to have been thorough and exhaustive, though few are cited later than the official reports. Parallel references are given to all of the leading collateral reports. The author justifies his full statement of the cases, and his liberal quotations from them, upon the ground that most of the lawyers for whom he writes do not have access to large libraries.

The author has made an intelligent and well analyzed use of his materials. He displays a strong grasp of the subject; conflicting views are carefully stated, and the author's own conclusions are set forth in such a way that, if they do not always carry conviction, they cannot fail to command respect. The net result, as the reviewer is pleased to be able to say, is a good and useful book upon a subject of difficulty and importance.

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LAW OFFICE AND COURT PROCEDURE. By Gleason L. Archer. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1910. pp. xv, 311.

The author of this book considers it "one of the gravest reproaches of American Law Schools that their graduates know nothing of how to practice law upon admission to the bar," and the object of this volume is to give the victim of our present system of legal education an insight into the customs of law offices and courts. The plan of the book is to trace the ordinary lower court case through the various steps from the time the client enters the office until the case is appealed to the highest court. Advice is given as to the customs of lawyers, each step is illustrated with concrete examples, and there is a very full set of forms.

For the lawyer who has practiced six months, the book contains little of value. As a manual of practice it is inadequate, for it contains nothing that is not more fully and more usefully presented in the standard books of practice. The sections which give advice as to the customs of law offices and lawyers are brief and commonplace, and it is a pity that the author did not leave the rules of practice for the already existing manuals and expand more upon this interesting field which has never been systematically written up. Most beginners have more difficulty in knowing what and how to charge a client than in learning the rules of procedure. A disproportionally large part of the book is taken up with examples of direct and cross examination. The examples lack value for the young practitioner, because they are mostly taken from sensational criminal trials, and they fail to hold the attention of a reader who has ever enjoyed Mr. Wellman's books.

All young lawyers, however, would do well to peruse this book between graduation from law school and the beginning of practice. It will save much needless worry about the unknown field of practice and will enable the beginner to take up his first small tort or collection case with greater confidence.

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